

HOUSE RESOLUTION 448

By Eldridge

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Lora Ann Cypress Kirk
for her service with the Veterans Administration.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding individuals who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality health care for the citizens of Tennessee, especially our military veterans; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable citizen is Lora Ann Cypress Kirk, who has distinguished herself as a health care professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kirk was born in Memphis, Tennessee and graduated from Westwood High School; and

WHEREAS, following in the patriotic tradition for which the volunteer state is renowned, Lora Kirk answered duty's call and bravely served her country for twenty-one years as an Emergency Medicine Technician and Ward Corpsman in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, retiring from the Navy in 1999 as a Chief Hospital Corpsman, Ms. Kirk felt called to continue serving her country and those brave men and women who have sacrificed so much for the sake of freedom, and so she offered her medical expertise, caring spirit, and boundless enthusiasm as a Program Support Assistant to the Chief of Pathology and Laboratory Service and as a Health Systems Specialist/Administrative Officer for the Associate Chief of Staff for Ambulatory Care for nine years; and

WHEREAS, her tireless work ethic and unsurpassed integrity did not go unnoticed, and Lora Kirk was promoted to Customer Service Programs Manager in the office of the Medical Center Director, where she rendered sterling service for more than three years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kirk currently serves with acumen and alacrity as a Program Analyst for the MidSouth Healthcare Network VISN 9 Prosthetics Service, in which position she has earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike due to the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Ms. Kirk is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Tommie Kirk, and her sons, Tommie Kirk, Jr., and James T. Kirk; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kirk is an extremely talented and dedicated health care professional who works assiduously to provide the best quality care for our nation's veterans and their families, and she truly serves as an inspiration to everyone who is privileged to know her; and

WHEREAS, Lora Kirk is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Lora Ann Cypress Kirk on her exceptional service to our veterans at the VA Hospital, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.